

JEROME'S REPLY TO THE CHARGES

Says They Are "In Every Way False and Mendacious"

CORPORATIONS NO FRIENDS

The District Attorney Went to Albany Yesterday and Presented a Lengthy Reply to the Charges Made by W. F. King.

Albany, N. Y., March 10.—Dist. Atty. Jerome brought to Gov. Hughes in person yesterday his answer to the charges made against him by William F. King and the committee of minority stockholders of the Metropolitan street railway in which the governor is asked to remove Mr. Jerome from office. Dist. Atty. Jerome and Mr. King appeared formally in the executive chamber at noon for the filing of the answer. Mr. Jerome announced that he was ready to proceed with a hearing at any time the governor might suggest.

Jerome's brief contains no less than 15,000 words, and according to its author's estimate, would make a book of 700 pages. The district attorney and the several members of his staff who collaborated with him never worked so hard at anything as they did in preparing this brief. For material they drew upon every record in the office before and since the beginning of the Jerome administration.

Gov. Hughes announced that he should take the answer of Mr. Jerome and examine it and announce later what course he should pursue with reference to his decision of the charges.

When asked afterward regarding the answer, Dist. Atty. Jerome said it was entirely impossible for any one to make a hasty perusal of it, and get off anything for publication. He declared that he had not rested content with denying "the many mendacious assertions contained in the charges, but had put in the exhibit a large portion of the evidence. There was an entire denial of all charges and a full explanation of each case given, the same being as accurate as was deemed necessary to meet the complaint, which was absolutely, consciously and intentionally mendacious."

Spintars Urged to Pray for Husbands.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 10.—In a circular letter addressed to the rectors of his diocese, Bishop Colton urges all the unmarried spinsters of marriageable age to pray to God to send them suitable partners.

After impressing on all his parishioners that it is the sacred duty of all new to intend to enter holy orders to get married, the bishop urged that they conscientiously consider the proposition.

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"CENTRALIZATION FRAUGHT WITH DANGER"—GOV. JOHNSON

"A President Has No More Right to Go Outside Constitution Than Any Other Citizen to Break The Law."

St. Paul, March 10.—"World power is a great thing, but centralization of power is fraught with danger," declares Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, in an interview upon national issues. Gov. Johnson added:

"To my mind a president has no more right to go outside the Constitution simply because he wants to accomplish even the most beneficent of purposes, than any other citizen has to break the law. That is the road that leads to the destruction of republics."

To discuss President Roosevelt specially the governor refused, neither would he talk about what he would do if the president's chair should be his.

Mr. Johnson's successor, A. Ward Bryan was all that Gov. Johnson strated to say of the man who will be his strongest opponent at the convention in Denver.

"Bryan's courage, sincerity, honesty and popularity are unquestioned," said he. When asked if he thought these qualifications made Mr. Bryan the strongest candidate for the presidency among those mentioned—over eliminating Gov. Johnson of Minnesota—he threw up the barrier of a refusal to discuss individual candidates.

A platform with eight planks comprise the issues upon which Gov. Johnson stands. Tariff revision he deems most important. State's rights should be preserved against federal power in everything he thinks. He does not believe in a great navy. Combinations for the purpose of reducing the cost of production are permissible. He is strongly against the idea of ship subsidy. He approves the idea of central railroads. Bankers, he believes, must be taught to be absolutely honest.

Question after question the governor answered on political and national affairs, and summed up briefly, here are his replies:

"I incline to the belief that it is the bankers rather than the system of currency that cause or prevent trouble."

"No corporation should be permitted by law to issue a share of such stock that does not stand for paid in cash and certified by state examination."

"A Hawaiian war on the national and a Philippine bump on Uncle Sam's back, doubtless we will have to look out for them."

"It may be that the Japanese situation demands an extension of our preparations. In fact, I do not object to naval progress or our keeping up with the procession, but I cannot avoid regretting the enormous naval policy. Instead of going after distant islands, let not more in the direction of extending the boundaries of the United States from the Panama canal to the Arctic ocean—not by conquest, of course, but by friend ship, alliance, concord and amalgamation. If Mexico and Canada were states of our Union, there would be no necessity of our great fleet. Even as it is, what country would venture to attack us?"

"I do not consider that it is the province of the federal government to assume the powers that, as a matter of the law of the land, appertain to the states."

AMERICAN EXPEDITION IN CONGO STATE SAFE.

Extricates Itself from Peril After Attack by Natives.

Brussels, March 10.—News has been received here that the American expedition led by R. Dorsey Mehlan, which is seeking to penetrate the wilds of the Congo Independent State in the interest of the American Congo Company—and which late in January was attacked by natives and compelled to withdraw as extrajurisdiction from its difficult situation and has arrived safely at Kamanyika.

GREAT SKIN CURE STIRS EUROPE.

Medical Profession Interested in External Wash Which is Producing Remarkable Results.

Instant relief and permanent cures have so invariably followed free use of an American prescription for the cure of skin diseases that European doctors, already anxious to lead in fields of medical knowledge, are still directing inquiries as to the ingredients of this external vegetable remedy.

The makers of the prescription, the D. D. Company of Chicago, are receiving frankly to such European inquiries that this famous remedy is simply oil of wintergreen combined with other vegetable ingredients of known healing power such as thymol and glycerine.

Apparently no case of so matter how long standing can stand against this simple remedy, known as D. D. D. Prescription. Here is a typical letter from Mrs. E. Payne of Elmwoodville, Pa.: "I had a horrible breaking out on my legs and feet, and tried nearly all medicines and salves without result. The first bottle of D. D. D. helped me and I secured a complete cure. That was two years ago and I have had no trouble since."

We have investigated the merits of D. D. D. Prescription and believe it to be the best and quickest cure for skin diseases. At any rate, we positively know that it takes away the itch just as soon as you apply a few drops of the soothing liquid. Call for free booklet on cure and prevention of the skin and ask for a copy of D. D. D. Soap. Rickert & Wells, Barre, Vt.

MILLS STILL CURTAILING

Short Time in New England Factories

SOME RESUMPTIONS

Conditions Improving in the Steel Trade—More Men Are Put to Work in the Pennsylvania Plants.

Boston, March 10.—Thousands of employees of New England mills and factories went on a short time basis yesterday, following several months of idleness. In some places, however, reports come of several factories resuming work after a shutdown or increasing their running time. In the next few weeks many mills will go on short time so that no bout in industrial circles is looked for at present. Most of the mills affected are arranging their time schedules so as to wear as light as possible on the operatives. It is expected that the Fall River Manufacturers' Association, at a meeting held yesterday took some action on the question of further restricting the output of pig-iron in that city, 25 per cent. during the next two or three months. The Hargraves and Parker No. 1 mills in Fall River went on a four days a week basis yesterday, while the King Philip and Ansonia resumed operations temporarily.

The Fisher Manufacturing Company's cotton mills at Yonkersville, Mass., employing seven hundred hands, were shut down yesterday until next Monday, the first time the plant has been stopped in fifteen years. The Cabot mills of Brunswick, Me., which are controlled by the Fisher Company, went on a schedule of four days a week yesterday. The Cabot Company has eight hundred employees. The cotton mills at Providence, Woonsocket, Centerville, Riverpoint, Acushnet, Natick, Lippitt, Pontiac, Jackson and White Rock, R. I., and at Dodgeville, Melroseville, Readville and Manchung, Mass., all owned by B. E. & R. Knight, and employing six thousand operatives, went on a three-quarter-time schedule yesterday morning. The Putnam Manufacturing Company's cotton mills went on a 3 1/2-day schedule. The Nightingale and Powhatan mills of Putnam, Conn., have reduced the time to four days weekly. About seven hundred hands are affected. The Edwards Cotton Mills of Augusta, Me., employing one thousand, adopted a half-time schedule yesterday and the Whittin Machine Shops at Whitinsville, Mass., with eighteen hundred men, reduced the time to forty-five hours a week. The Whittin shops make cotton mill machinery. In Millbury about one hundred hands are affected at the Bowden Feltin Mills, which will run four days a week until further notice.

The Jewett piano factories in Leominster went on a four days a week schedule yesterday. The Talbot woolen mills of North Attleboro, which have six hundred hands, began running five days a week yesterday instead of four as previously.

In Gardner, Mass., the furniture factory of P. Derby & Co. began running five days weekly yesterday morning, an increase of ten hours weekly for 225 employees. With the exception of Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, which has sixty per cent. of the employees on full time, the other Gardner factories are running on reduced schedules. The E. E. Stone Lumber & Box Company's mill in Spencer, which has been closed, started again yesterday. The fifty employees agreed to a ten per cent. cut in wages in order to enable the mill to resume work.

The working time at the plant of the Walham Watch Company was increased by seven hours a week yesterday, making a total of 47 1/2 working hours weekly. The Acushnet and Hathaway mills at New Bedford, employing 2,070 hands, resumed work yesterday after a short shutdown. The S. D. Warren Company's paper mills at Westbrook, Me., employing 1,000 operatives, began running five days a week. These mills never have shut down except for repairs, and seldom have been forced to curtail their production.

LEGISLATORS SEE MURDERER KILLED.

Sought First Hand Knowledge in View of Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment.

Coupling, N. Y., March 10.—Antonio Strodo, an Italian, who killed a man in Van Cortlandt Park, New York, for the purpose of robbery, paid the penalty yesterday in the death chair in Sing Sing prison. Strodo showed the most extraordinary composure, and went smilingly to his death. He said good-bye repeatedly, and when the helmet was pulled down over his head his face still wore a smile. Four convicts were made before the man, at 6:32 o'clock, was pronounced dead.

The execution was witnessed by three New York assemblymen. They declined to give their names. It is said that a bill is being prepared for presentation in the assembly which provides for the abolition of capital punishment and that the assemblymen who came here yesterday did so to see for themselves the manner in which capital punishment is carried out.

"ONE HOUSEWIFE" FOR EACH NEW RECRUIT IN THE ARMY.

Also a Razor, Toilet Soap, Brushes, Shoe Polish and Whisk Broom.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The recent order which supplies to an army recruit upon his enlistment a full kit of toilet articles, has run the gauntlet of judicial construction and has been sustained.

As a result, this is what the enlisted man gets in addition to his regular outfit. Razor, brushes for hair, tooth, shaving, and shoe; comb, polish, for black and tan shoes; two towels, toilet soap, white soap, and last but not least, "one housewife." The housewife is supplied in a tin case containing a complete toilet kit, needles, lintime and patches.

FOR NEURALGIA RHEUMATISM

Headache, and for Pain in Side and Back, We Have Used It With Excellent Results, and I cannot Say Enough in Favor of



Some I would be pleased to distribute some samples among my friends if you wish to send them. Mrs. E. M. Saunders, 15 Erie Place, Roxbury, Mass.

KNIGHTHOOD COMES TO LABOR LEADER.

Dominic D'Alessandro of Hod Carriers' Union Honored by King of Italy.

Boston, March 10.—"Illustrious Sir Chevalier" is the title by which Organized Dominio D'Alessandro of the Hod Carriers' Union will henceforth be known. He was knighted by the King of Italy, through Marquis F. A. A. Di Bruno, Italian consul of Boston, who performed the ceremony at one of the largest meetings of union men held at 144 North street.

This honor comes in recognition of the work done by Mr. D'Alessandro for the Italian immigrants of Boston. He is the first Italian who has ever been honored in this city, and when it became known that the ceremony was to take place Italians from all parts of the city gathered. Mr. D'Alessandro was virtually the first organizer of all the Boston Italian labor unions.

Mr. D'Alessandro has formed unions in every New England section and also in various portions of the north Atlantic and middle states. He is a special friend of Samuel Gompers, and was made a special national organizer by him. Last year he assisted in arranging the American Italian exposition. Recently he established a local Italian labor journal to advance the cause of the wage workers of his nationality in New England.

BODIES OF 17 UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL CHILDREN BURIED

Collingwood Gives Public Funeral to the Last of the Fire Victims.

Cleveland, O., March 10.—Twenty-one little white coffins were placed beneath the ground in the cemetery in Collingwood yesterday.

Of these, seventeen contained the bodies of the unidentified children who lost their lives in the burning of the Lakeside school on Wednesday. The other four contained the bodies of identified children, but were included in the public funeral, as the expense will be borne by the village.

Services were held at 10 o'clock yesterday in eight churches of various denominations in memory of the missing ones.

OHIO TRUST CONVICTS ARE RELEASED FROM JAIL.

Judge Brough Liberates Trio Sentenced to Six Months Each.

Toledo, Ohio, March 10.—Judge Brough of the common pleas court yesterday released from jail three men, Lemmon and Miller, the three men, who were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for violation of the anti-trust laws.

SOOTHES AND HEALS.

Hyomei Gives Quick Relief in Catarrh Troubles.

Be wise in time and use Hyomei at the first warning of catarrhal troubles. Do not let the disease extend along the delicate mucous membrane, gradually going from the nose to the throat, thence into the bronchial tubes, and then downward until the lungs are reached and you are in danger of consumption.

Hyomei will cure all curable forms and stages of catarrh. It is so uniformly successful in curing this common yet dangerous disease that Rickert & Wells of the Red Cross Pharmacy take all the risk of a trial treatment.

There is no other treatment for catarrh that is like Hyomei or just as good. None can take its place, none give such quick and sure relief, and at so little cost. Its medication is breathed through a pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, thus reaching the most remote cells of the air passages, killing the catarrhal germs and soothing and healing the irritated mucous membrane.

Begin the use of Hyomei to-day and you will soon find that the offensive breath, the droppings into the throat, the discharge from the nose and all other symptoms of catarrh are overcome and cured. The complete outfit costs but \$1.00 and Rickert & Wells stand ready to refund the money if it does not cure catarrh.

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TRAINMEN ASK MEDIATION

Oppose Wage Cut By Southern Railroads

WANT THE SERVICES

Of the Federal Government—Knapp and Neill to Hear Case of Southern—Officers of the Road to Make Their Plea To-day.

Washington, March 10.—It is understood that the employees of every railroad in the South except the Seaboard Air Line, which is in the hands of a receiver, have applied for mediation under the provisions of the Erdmann act in the matter of proposed wage reductions. To-day Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Commissioner of Labor Neill will give a hearing to the officers of the Southern Railway relative to the wage question.

OPPOSE MCMURDER'S GRAIN BILL.

Present System of Classification Said by the Dealers to Be Satisfactory.

Washington, March 10.—Representatives of grain growing, shipping and exporting interests will hold a conference in Washington next Saturday to consider Senator McMurder's bill and other legislative measures providing for the classification and grading of grain, the prohibition of the use of other grades and the appointment of federal inspectors. It was said Sunday in behalf of those responsible for the conference that great opposition to this plan had developed among the grain trade for the reasons that there will be required a very large number of inspectors, that it is impossible to have one set of grading rules apply to the entire country, and that the merchants consider the proposed interference with their business by the government as unwarranted. The present grading of cereals is almost entirely by boards of trade and similar bodies, and it is claimed is thoroughly satisfactory to the dealers in the commodities. Counsel for the various associations argue that the measure as now drawn is unconstitutional, that the right to inspect goods by the constitution is expressly reserved to the states. Twenty-four organizations, including the New York produce exchange, have said that they will send delegates.

MINORITY CURRENCY BILL.

The Democrats Are to Put in One by Williams.

Washington, March 10.—The Democratic members of the House committee on banking and currency yesterday agreed to report to the House the minority currency bill, introduced by John Sharp Williams, as a substitute for the Fowler bill.

Immediately after the House of Representatives convened yesterday, Mr. Randall of Louisiana informed that body of the death Sunday of Adolph Meyer of the first district of Louisiana. He offered resolutions of respect, which were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the House adjourned.

OIL HEARING IN CLEVELAND.

A Step in Government Ouster Suit Against the Standard.

Cleveland, March 10.—The hearing of testimony in the government's ouster suit against the Standard Oil Company, started in St. Louis several months ago, was resumed in Cleveland yesterday before a special commissioner. Thirty oil dealers from all parts of the country have been summoned to appear in the federal court, among them persons connected both with the Standard and independent oil movement. It is expected the hearing will last several days.

SEVEREST PUNISHMENT FOR LOISY

All Catholics Forbidden to Hold Communication With Him.

Rome, March 10.—In pursuance of his campaign against modernism, the pope has decreed the severest form of excommunication against Abbe Loisy, who was lately condemned by the Archbishop of Paris for his "Sympathy Gospel" and his reply to the papal encyclical against modernism. He is not only expelled from the church and deprived of all ecclesiastical privileges, but all Roman Catholics are forbidden to hold communication with him.

DRAWN THE LINE AT SIX KISSES A DAY BY WIFE.

Mr. Leedom Willing to Return to Spouse on Guarantee of This Limit to Occultation.

Chicago, March 10.—Six kisses a day are the limit for Ora M. Leedom. He promised Detective Stark and Johnson, who arrested him for deserting his affectionate wife, that he would return to her on that basis. They found him in Springfield, Ill., whether he went seven weeks ago.

"It's a case of too much 'lovey dovey' business," said Leedom on the way back from Springfield. "My wife—she was married once or twice before I was a woman and a fine housekeeper; but she's too strong on the love business to suit me."

"Now, I'm not a chilly guy, or anything like that, but I don't want a woman kissing me all the time. When I come home from work in the evening I like to sit down and read the paper. My wife would want me to hold hands with her and say foolish things."

"A few days before I jumped out of town some actress down in New York made a hit with a play that lasted forty-five minutes. When my wife read about that in the paper she said she could beat it with one hand tied behind her back. I'm ashamed to tell what happened."

"The only fault I had to find with Amin was her loving nature. I'd agree to go back and live with her if she'd only cut out the kissing business. I don't mind a little kiss now and then, but I draw the line at more than six a day."

ALFONSO DEFIES DEATH THREAT OF THE REDS

Leaves Madrid for Barcelona, Despite Warnings—Willing to Risk His Life to Prove His Courage.

Simple Recipe for Home Made Kidney Cure

Relieves Nearly Every Person Who Tries It—Makes The Kidneys Act and Overcomes Rheumatism and Bladder Trouble.

To make up enough of the "Dauidon treatment," which is claimed to be relieving nearly every sufferer who now it for backache, kidney complaint, sore, weak bladder and rheumatism; get from any prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargan and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bed time.

Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble and urinary difficulties almost instantly. Many cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that this prescription, wherever it becomes known always ruins the sale of the numerous patent medicine rheumatism cures, kidney cures, etc. It is a recipe which the majority of patent medicine manufacturers, and even certain physicians disbelieve to see published. Few cases, indeed, which will fail to fully yield to its peculiarly soothing and healing influence.

FOR MURDER OF PRIEST.

Giuseppe Alia Is Now On Trial at Denver, Col.

Denver, Col., March 10.—Anticipating the presence of a large crowd at the opening of the trial yesterday of Giuseppe Alia, the Sicilian who murdered Fr. Leo Heinrichs of St. Elizabeth's church while he was giving the sacrament on Sunday, Feb. 28, Sheriff Alexander Nisbet stationed deputies along the walks and in the entrance ways leading from the jail to the court room and also in the court room itself. Alia's case was the first on the criminal docket.

It is expected that the defense of Attorney Robert H. Widdecomb, representing Alia by appointment of the court, will advance the theory of insanity in the hope of saving the life of his client, and to be prepared for combating this defense the prosecution had summoned eight of the most skillful brain specialists in the city to be present for the purpose of observing the defendant and thus be in readiness to give expert opinion as to his sanity. The defense had arranged also for three alienists to serve their side. Attorney Widdecomb indicated early in the examination of venire men that he would make the question of a prospective jurymen's allegiance to the Roman Catholic faith the cause for challenging him as to his qualification to serve.

The acceptance of a voluntary out of five per cent. will mean little to the employees of the Boston & Maine railroad, "but will save the company in the aggregate \$50,000 on its payroll."

The necessity of a readjustment of operating expenses during the latter part of the fiscal year was forcibly borne in upon the management when it was found that the auditing department estimate of a falling off of \$200,000 in income of the road for January was below the actual conditions, the gross earnings for that month showing a loss of \$378,000 as compared with the same month in 1907.

"I consider the present situation worse temporarily than the depression of 1903. High wages mean high costs of production and consequently high prices for goods. It takes time to equalize these. The condition of the Boston & Maine is not peculiar to itself, but a study of the returns of the railroads throughout the country shows a marked falling off in earnings since the turn of the year."

"People are economizing automatically throughout the country and the effect of all this is felt in the retail trade and eventually in the wholesale distributing centers and lastly by the transportation companies."

Asked as to the prospect of dividend reductions following or accompanying the proposed wage cut, President Tuttle said that of course it might even be necessary to consider scaling stockholders' returns unless there was a radical change for the better in general business conditions.

BUILDINGS FALL AS FLOOD SWEEPS CITY.

Heavy Property Damage at Battle Creek—Disaster Threatens.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 10.—With two square miles inundated, this city yesterday faced a crisis. The Kalamazoo river has done all the damage thus far. But the Battle Creek river is rising rapidly with the prospect that the business section, that so far has escaped, will be submerged.

Hundreds of houses are surrounded and in many of them the water is running through the second-story windows. Stores were opened Sunday to give shelter to the homeless ones.

The Rathbun & Kraft building fell in Saturday night, with a loss of \$100,000. At Albion, the water has left a trail of destruction, several bridges and stores having fallen in with a loss of more than \$100,000.

In many of the stores here there is a stream two feet deep running through them. There have been many narrow escapes from drowning. William Robertson and Thomas Youngs, while out taking pictures, fell in the flood, but managed to climb into a tree, where they remained for hours before being rescued.

Several families have been taken from second-story windows by the police, who are running a regular patrol system of boats.

LESS WHEAT ON FARMERS' HANDS THAN LAST YEAR.

22.5 Per Cent. of Old Crop, Against 28.1 Per Cent. in 1907.

Washington, March 10.—The quantity of wheat in farms' hands on March 1 was 22.5 per cent.—equivalent to 145,721,000 bushels—of last year's crop, as compared with 28.1 per cent., or 206,641,000 bushels, of the 1906 crop on hand March 1, 1907. The quantities of corn and oats in farmers' hands on the same date follow:

Corn estimated at 37.1 per cent.—equivalent to 952,422,000 bushels of last year's growth. Oats, estimated at 35.5 per cent.—equivalent to 267,476,000 bushels of last year's growth.

Be Prepared

For the action of Winter's wind by keeping handy a box of Hill